

## State of Washington PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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August 22, 2016

FRANK GORDON 2504 SIMPSON AVE ABERDEEN WA 98520

Subject: Reminder to Correct Sigs to Include Party Preference for Partisan Office in Political Advertising

Dear Mr. Gordon:

On August 16, 2016, I spoke with you by telephone and informed you that PDC staff had received a telephone call stating that your campaign signs concerning your 2016 re-election campaign for Grays Harbor County Commissioner do not include the required party preference, which in your case is Democrat. You stated during our telephone conversation that you would correct your signs. Today, August 22, 2016, I received a call stating that your signs have not been corrected. The caller stated that you have a sign on wheels that you moved from one part of Aberdeen to another part of Aberdeen without adding the required party preference. The caller said there are multiple signs from Montesano to Aberdeen that have not been corrected. He stated that this is similar to what happened in 2012. This letter is to remind you in writing of this requirement.

RCW 42.17A.320(1) states, in part: For partisan office, if a candidate has expressed a party or independent preference on the declaration of candidacy, that party or independent designation shall be clearly identified in electioneering communications, independent expenditures, or political advertising.

WAC 390-18-020, states, in part: Sponsors of political advertising supporting or opposing a candidate who has expressed a party or independent preference on the declaration of candidacy must clearly identify the candidate's political party or independent status in the advertising.

Should a formal complaint be filed concerning your signs, our August 16, 2016 telephone conversation and this letter may be considered when deciding whether enforcement action is warranted.

Sincerely,

Philip E. Stutzman Sr. Compliance Officer